GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Revenue Department -Endowments – Disciplinary Action – Misappropriation of Temple Funds and Grave Irregularities – Sri N.T. Ram Kumar, Executive Officer, Grade-III (Retired) – Imposition of Penalty of 100% Cut in Pension Permanently and Recovery of Rs.4,24,957/- under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1066 **Dated: 12-09-2025**

Read the following:

1. Letter Rc.No.V3/20026/14/2019, dated 08.12.2021 of the Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
2. Written statement of defence of Sri N.T. Ram Kumar, Executive Officer, Grade-III, dated 03.02.2021
3. Letter Rc.No.V2/20026/14/2019, dated 10.04.2021 of the Commissioer, Endowments Department, A.P.
4. Inquiry Report No.E/1934/2021, dated 25.10.2021 from the Regional Joint Commissioner, Endowments Department, MZ-II, Tirupati.
5. Memo No.ENDW0CEVG/2/2022-VIG-IV, dated 12.07.2022.
6. Explanations submitted by Sri N.T. Ram Kumar, dated 01.09.2022, 11.08.2023, and 11.10.2023.
7. Letter Rc.No.V1/20026/14/2019, dated 08.12.2023 of the Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
8. Show Cause Notice No.ENDW0CEVG/2/2022-VIG-IV, dated 14.06.2024, of Revenue(Vig.VII) Department
9. Explanation of Sri N.T.Ram Kumar, dated 03.07.2024 through the Commissioner, Endowments Department letter dated: 23.08.2024.
10. Letter No.GAD03-APPSODCC/5/2025, dated 29.05.2025 from the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P., Vijayawada reported that disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri N.T. Ram Kumar, then Executive Officer, Grade-III, based on a complaint and the findings of a Four-Member Committee, for grave irregularities and misappropriation of funds during his tenure in Ulavapadu Group Temples, Prakasam District. Accordingly,

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31 charges were framed including manipulation of records, unauthorized financial transactions, improper maintenance of receipts, and direct appropriation of temple funds.

2. Upon examination of the written statement of defence submitted by the Charged Officer, the Regional Joint Commissioner, MZ-II, Tirupati was appointed as the Inquiry Authority vide reference 3rd read above, After conducting a detailed inquiry, the Inquiry Authority, in the reference 4th read above, submitted a report concluding that 16 charges were held proved, 8 were held not proved, 4 were repetitive, and 3 not pressed, establishing misappropriation of Rs.4,24,957/-. under various charges.

3. The Charged Officer retired from service on 30.11.2021. As per the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, the Inquiry Report was communicated to him for submitting his explanation vide reference 5th read above. The Charged Officer, in his replies, denied the charges and financial loss, and requested reconsideration.

4. Govt., after examination of explanations submitted by the charged officer and after obtaining the views of the Commissioner, Endowments Department vide reference 7th read above, found, no new or substantial grounds were urged to alter the findings and decided to impose a penalty of withholding 100% pension permanently, and to recover the misappropriated amount of Rs.4,24,957/- from Sri N.T.Ram Kumar, Executive Officer, Grade-III (Retired), under Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 .

5. Accordingly, a show-cause notice was issued vide reference 8th read above, to the charged officer, to show cause as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed on him in this matter, within a period of ten (10) days from the date of receipt of this Memo. The Charged Officer submitted a reply to the show cause notice, which was examined in detail and Government confirmed the proposed penalty.

6. As per Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, and in accordance with G.O.Ms.No.124, G.A. (Ser.A) Dept., dated 04.12.2023, the matter was referred to the A.P. Public Service Commission. The APPSC vide reference 10th read above, concurred with the proposal to impose penalty of 100% cut in pension permanently and recover Rs.4,24,957/-.

7. Government after careful examination of the entire matter, hereby decide and orders that penalty of withholding 100% pension permanently is imposed on Sri N.T. Ram Kumar, Executive Officer, Grade-III (Retired) and Recovery of Rs.4,24,957/-

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(Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven only) under Rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P., Vijayawada shall take further necessary action for effecting recovery and implementing this order accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR.M HARI JAWAHARLAL
EX. OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
The Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P., Vijayawada.(with a request the serve the copy to the individual and acknowledge served copy to Govt., for record purpose)
Copy to:
Sri N.T. Ram Kumar, Retired E.O., Grade-III (by Registered Post through the Commissioner, Endowments Department)
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri
The A.P.Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada
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SECTION OFFICER